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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each document so listed is enclosed.

Schmid P., et al, "Automatically generated word pronunciations from phoneme classifier output", Statistical Signal And Array Processing, Minneapolis, April 27-30, 1993, Proceedings Of The International Conference On Acoustics, Speech And Signal Processing (ICASSP), New York, IEEE, US, vol. 4, April 27, 1993, pages 223-226, XP010110434 ISBN, 0-7803-0946-4.

"Template Averaging For Adapting A Dynamic Time Warping Speech", IBM Technical Disclosure Bulletin, IBM Corp. New York, US, vol. 32, no. 11, April 1, 1990, pages 422-426, XP000097761 ISSN, 0018-8689.

Jain N., et al, "Creating speaker-specific phonetic templates with a speaker-independent phonetic recognizer, implications for voice dialing", 1996 IEEE International Conference On Acoustics, Speech, And Signal Processing Conference Proceedings (CAT. NO. 96CH35903), 1996 IEEE International Conference On Acoustics, Speech, And Signal Processing Conference Proceedings, Atlanta, GA, USA, 7-10 M, pages 881-884 vol. 2, XP002194439 1996, New York, NY, USA, IEEE, USA ISBN, 0-7803-3192-3.

Zobel J., et al, "Phonetic String Matching, Lessons From Information Retrieval", Sigir Forum, Association For Computing Machinery, New York, US, 1996, pages 166-172, XP000870222.

These documents were cited during prosecution of a European patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. A copy of the European Search Report is enclosed. Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3).

The Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

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